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Fw: Meeting Request for Meeting with Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman and Westlands Water District

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The deputy would like an email giving him an update on the Westlands and Bay Delta Plan before he meets with this group. Thank you.

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Good Afternoon Teri,  
My name is Catherine Karen and I am with the law firm of Sidley Austin. I think you and I may have come across each other when I worked at the Agency except then I was Catherine Sulzer. As I mentioned just a couple of minutes ago, I have spoken to Larry and he recommended that I submit this meeting request.

I am writing on behalf of the Westlands Water District to request a meeting with Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe and, if possible, Bob Sussman, on June 11, June 12 or June 13. (I thought about submitting separate requests but thought that for efficiency it might make more sense to have the meeting with both of them present, if Bob Sussman's schedule permits. I can forward this same request to Don if that is helpful to you.) The purpose of the meeting is to introduce Westlands Water District's leadership to the Deputy Administrator and other senior staff in the Office of the Administrator (if he deems it appropriate) and begin to engage in a dialogue. The leadership of the Westlands Water District met with the Office of Water Acting Assistant Administrator, Nancy Stoner, on March 27th.

The Westlands Water District (WWD or Westlands) is the largest single agricultural water district in the United States, encompassing more than 600,000 acres of farmland in western Fresno and Kings counties. The District supplies water to serve farmers who produce dozens of high quality commercial food and fiber crops sold for the fresh, dry, canned and frozen food markets, both domestic and export, that generate more than \$3 billion annually in agricultural-related economic activity. Westlands also supplies water to families, businesses, municipalities, and industrial users in the Central Valley. More than 50,000 people live and work in these communities and depend on the water provided by Westlands for their livelihoods. By nature of its definition, the Westlands Water District is very interested in engaging in a dialogue with the Environmental Protection Agency's leadership given a number of pending issues and items that will likely arise in the future and their impact on the Westlands farmers who rely on its water. Importantly, WWD has been participating in the development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The BDCP is being developed with the guidance of a Steering Committee, which includes the collaboration of federal, state, private, environmental groups and other interested parties.

Attendees to this meeting would likely be: Tom Birmingham, General Manager of the Westlands Water District, Don Peracchi, President of the Board of Directors (tentative), Roger Martella from Sidley Austin and myself.

Thank you in advance for considering the request. My contact information is below should you have any further questions.

Best regards and I hope you have been able to get outside to enjoy this fabulous weather,  
Catherine

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